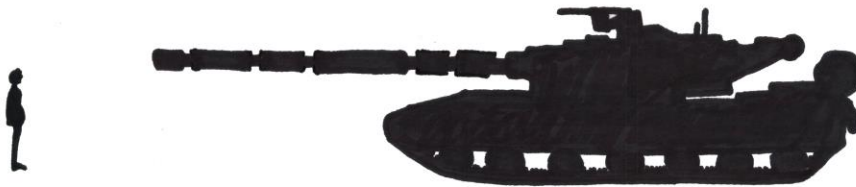


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**A GUIDE TO SERVING YOUR  
COUNTRY NONVIOLENTLY**



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AMERICAN...



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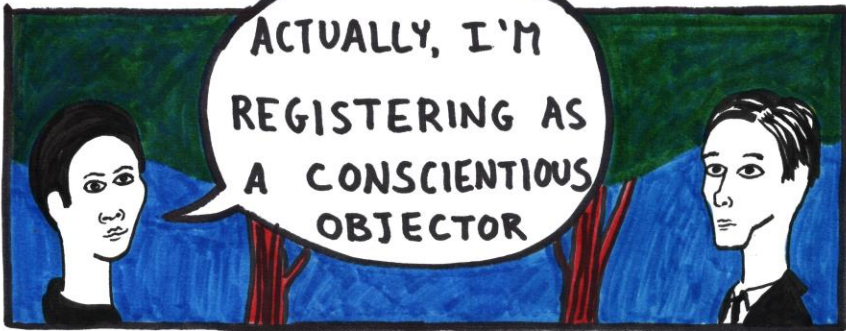


HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!



THANKS! I'M  
PRETTY **EXCITED**  
TO BE 18!

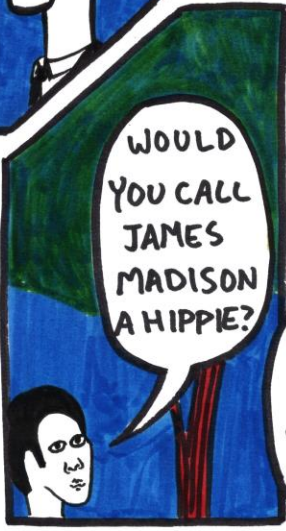
SO WHEN  
ARE YOU  
REGISTERING?



ACTUALLY, I'M  
REGISTERING AS  
A CONSCIENTIOUS  
OBJECTOR



IS THAT  
SOME SORT  
OF DRAFT DODGER  
**HIPPIE** THING?



WOULD  
YOU CALL  
JAMES  
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A HIPPIE?



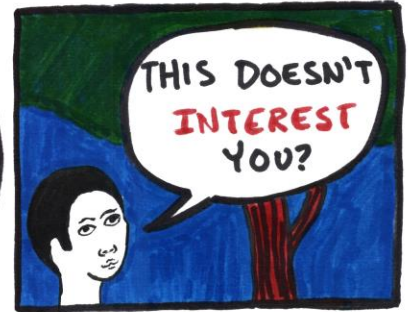
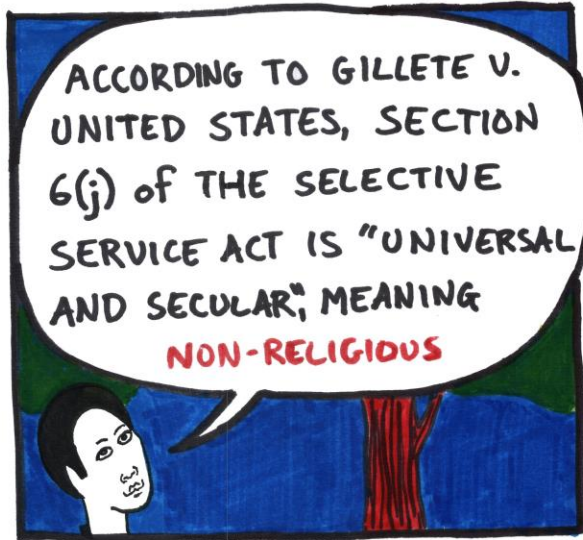
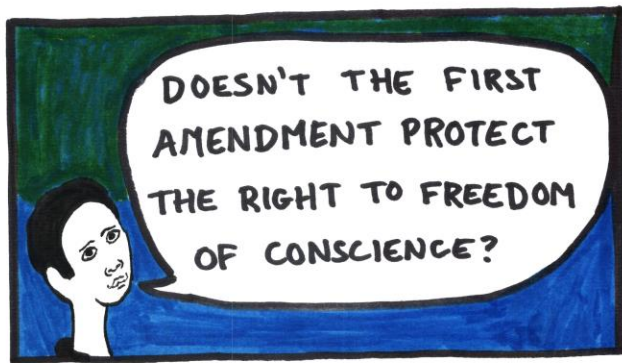
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GUESS  
NOT



BUT YOU ARE  
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WITH  
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ONE?

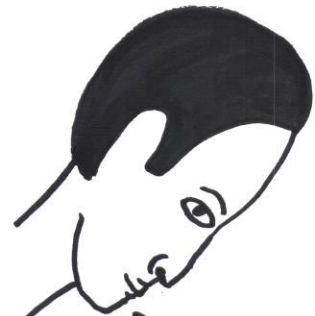
**OF  
COURSE**





# We the People

## AMENDMENT ONE



EVERYONE  
SHOULD RECOGNIZE  
THIS DOCUMENT.  
THIS IS THE VERY  
FIRST AMENDMENT  
TO THE BILL OF  
RIGHTS

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

SO THIS  
IS BASICALLY  
SAYING THAT  
YOU HAVE THE  
RIGHT TO DO  
AND THINK WHAT  
YOU THINK IS  
MORALLY RIGHT?

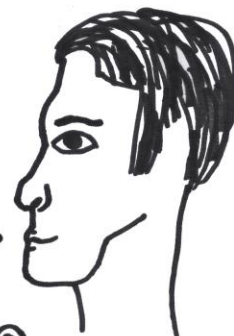






THE COMMISSION ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS IS ONE OF  
THE HIGHEST COURTS IN THE  
WORLD. THIS IS THEIR MAIN  
PUBLICATION.

SO THIS ARTICLE  
PERTAINS TO FREEDOM OF  
CONSCIENCE, RIGHT? LIKE  
WHAT THE CONSTITUTION  
WAS TALKING ABOUT?



EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF **THOUGHT**,  
**CONSCIENCE**, AND **RELIGION**; THIS RIGHT INCLUDES  
FREEDOM TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION OR BELIEF  
AND FREEDOM, EITHER ALONE OR IN COMMUNITY  
WITH OTHERS AND IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, **MANIFEST**  
**HIS RELIGION OR BELIEF** IN TEACHING, **PRACTICE**,  
WORSHIP, AND OBSERVANCE.

U.N. COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ARTICLE 18

DOD INSTRUCTION 1300.06

A FIRM,

FIXED,



SINCERE OBJECTION

TO PARTICIPATION IN

BEARING OF ARMS

BY REASON OF

WAR IN ANY FORM OR THE SON

RELIGIOUS BELIEF

TRAINING OR





# Gillette v. United States

(401 U.S. 437)

THIS CASE  
SET PRECEDENT  
FOR SECULAR  
OBJECTION.

BEFORE  
GILLETTE, YOU  
HAD TO PROVE  
THAT YOUR  
RELIGION  
PROHIBITED  
YOU FROM  
FIGHTING.

"The first amendment... right to conscience  
is certainly as high as the right of  
association." - Justice Douglas

§6(j) of the Selective Service Act:  
Nothing contained in this title... shall  
be construed to be subject to combatant  
training and service...

"We conclude... that the underlying  
purposes for §6(j) are neutral and  
secular..." - Conclusion


NOWADAYS, ANYONE WITH  
A STRONG MORAL OBJECTION  
TO WAR QUALIFIES FOR  
CO STATUS. OF COURSE,  
RELIGIOUS OBJECTION  
IS STILL ALLOWED.

IT SEEMS LIKE THIS  
IS ALL JUST FREEDOMS  
ANYWAY. WHY WOULD  
THOSE WHO AREN'T  
RELIGIOUS BE BARRED  
FROM THEIR MORAL  
BELIEFS?

IT DOES  
SEEM FAIR TO  
GRANT THIS  
RIGHT TO  
EVERYONE,  
NOT JUST  
RELIGIOUS  
PEOPLE.

THAT'S WHAT  
AMERICA'S  
ALL ABOUT,  
RIGHT?





NOW THAT YOU'VE  
GOT AN IDEA OF  
WHAT CONSCIENTIOUS  
OBJECTION IS, LET'S  
TAKE A LOOK AT  
THE MOVEMENT  
THROUGH HISTORY.  
WHAT LAWS HAVE  
BEEN PASSED THAT  
DEFINE THIS IDEA,

AND WHAT LEGAL  
CASES HAVE BEEN  
ARGUED THAT  
HAVE, MODIFIED,  
CLARIFIED, OR  
ADDED TO THAT  
DEFINITION? BRACE  
YOURSELF, MORE  
LAWS AHEAD!





A BRITISH KING-


# WILLIAM THE SILENT

WAS THE FIRST TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO OBJECT FROM MILITARY SERVICE. IN 1575, HOWEVER THE PROVISION WAS ONLY BASED ON RELIGIOUS OBJECTION, NOT MORAL ISSUES WITH WAR. THE MENNONITES WERE THE MOST PROMINENT PEACE CHURCH AT THAT TIME, QUAKERISM NOT BEING FOUNDED UNTIL ~1650

## THE MILITIA ACT

IN 1757, THE BRITISH PARLIMENT PASSED THE MILITIA ACT, WHICH CODIFIED THE DRAFT IN BRITAIN. IT WAS THE FIRST LAW WHICH SPECIFIED OPTIONS FOR CONSCIENTIOUS

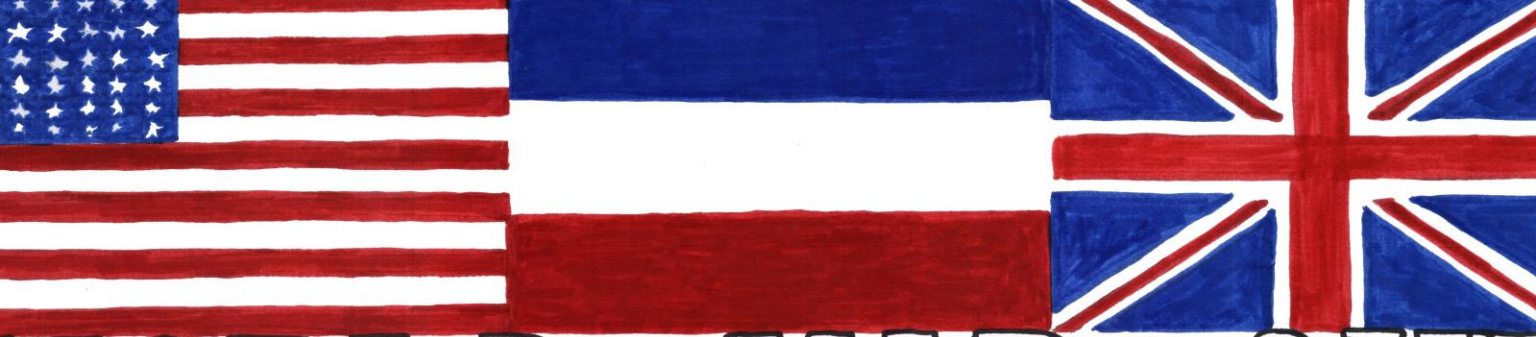
OBJECTORS. BY THIS TIME MOSTLY QUAKERS RATHER THAN MENNONITES



IT'S FUNNY TO THINK THAT THESE MODERN IDEAS WERE AROUND ALL THE WAY BACK IN 1575. I NEVER WOULD HAD THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE PACIFISTS ALL THE WAY BACK THEN. I GUESS WILLIAM WAS A PRETTY PROGRESSIVE KING FOR HIS TIME.

I NEVER KNEW THIS MOVEMENT HAD A HISTORY LIKE THIS. I JUST ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS SOME PEACE AND LOVE HIPPIE THING.





# WORLD WAR ONE

AS THE WAR RAGED IN FRANCE,

~2000 US  
citizens refused to  
serve

All  
were imprisoned  
for duration of war

AFTER THE WAR,

Non Governmental  
Work was Facilitated by AFSC  
(American Friends Service Committee)  
In France

Firefighting, hospitals,  
Medical Experiments

BEFORE WORLD WAR TWO, THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE SERVICE. IF YOU OBJECTED, YOU HAD TO PAY A FINE. THE PUNISHMENT FOR NOT PAYING THE FINE WAS A PRISON SENTENCE. THE CO'S DURING WORLD WAR ONE WERE IMPRISONED FOR THE WHOLE WAR. 16 CO'S DIED. NOWADAYS, PUNITIVE ACTION AGAINST CO'S IS PROHIBITED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. COUNTRIES ARE REQUIRED BY THE UN TO PROVIDE NON-PUNITIVE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE.



# THE FIRST U.S. GOVERNMENT ALTERNATIVE SERVICE PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 14, 1940

## MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT sec. 456(j)

All CO's are  
required to  
participate

ANY PERSON CLAIMING EXEMPTION FROM COMBATANT TRAINING AND SERVICE BECAUSE OF SUCH CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS WHOSE CLAIM IS SUSTAINED BY THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL... BE ASSIGNED TO NONCOMBATANT SERVICE AS DEFINED BY THE PRESIDENT, OR SHALL, IF HE IS FOUND TO BE CONSCIENTIOUSLY OPPOSED TO PARTICIPATION IN SUCH NONCOMBATANT SERVICE... BE ORDERED BY HIS LOCAL BOARD TO PERFORM... SUCH CIVILIAN WORK CONTRIBUTING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY, OR INTEREST...

Still  
military

Classification  
I-A-O

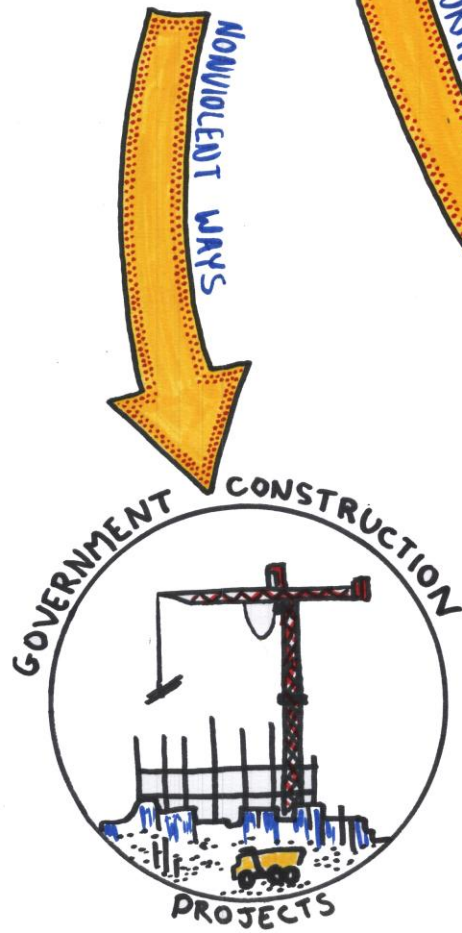
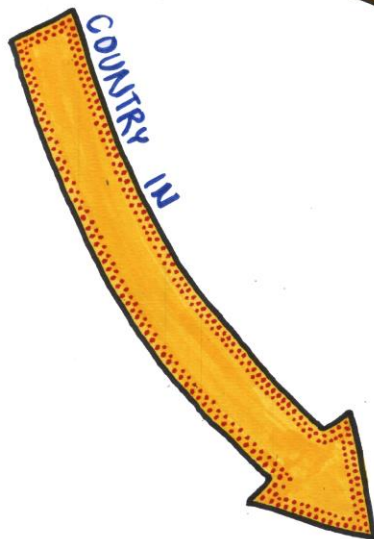
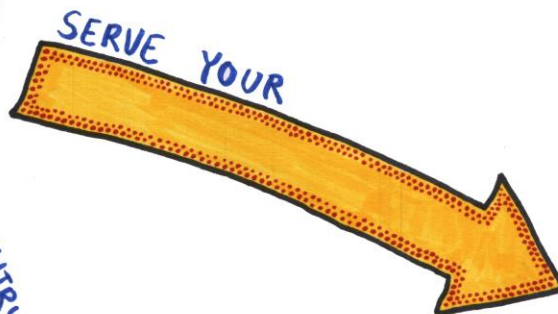
No  
military  
service

Classification  
IV-E

CONTRIBUTING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST... THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHIRKING RESPONSIBILITY TO ME...



I NEVER EVEN KNEW THIS THIS PROGRAM EXISTED! THIS REALLY IS SERVING YOUR COUNTRY, BUT YOU STILL MAKE A STATEMENT!





# FOIN v. FRANCE

U.N. doc. CCPR/C/67/D/666/1995 (9 Nov. 99)

**RULING:** length of alternative service can be longer

THE LAW AND PRACTICE MAY ESTABLISH DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MILITARY AND ...ALTERNATIVE SERVICE, AND SUCH DIFFERENCES MAY... JUSTIFY A LONGER PERIOD OF SERVICE, AS LONG AS THE DIFFERENTIATION IS BASED UPON REASONABLE AND OBJECTIVE CRITERIA.

-FROM *FOIN v. FRANCE*

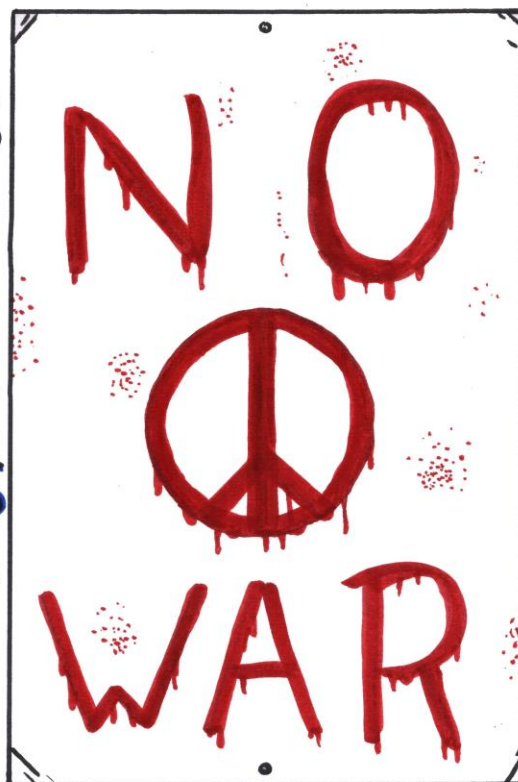


IT SEEMS LIKE ALL THE DECISIONS UP TO THIS POINT WERE ABOUT MAKING THINGS FAIR. BUT THIS DOESN'T SEEM FAIR, TO HAVE SOME PEOPLE SERVE LONGER THAN OTHERS. DOESN'T THIS RULING GO AGAINST WHAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR?



WELL, WHAT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT **IS** FAIRNESS. MILITARY SERVICE IS MORE TAXING AND CARRIES MORE RISK THAN, SAY, WORKING ON INFRASTRUCTURE OR IN A HOSPITAL. SO THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THIS SERVICE COULD BE LONGER DEPENDING ON TYPE.

IN  
TIMES  
THE  
NO  
IN  
PEOPLE  
**CONSCIENTIOUS**  
**STATUS**  
AS  
WAY  
**STAND**




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**A**  
ABOUT  
BELIEFS.





NOW THAT WE'VE  
LEARNED ABOUT THE  
FOUNDATION AND  
BACKGROUND OF  
CONSCIENTIOUS  
OBJECTION, LET'S  
TALK ABOUT HOW  
TO ACTUALLY  
REGISTER. DURING  
THIS PROCESS,

OF COURSE, WE WILL  
RELY HEAVILY ON  
THE PREVIOUSLY  
LEARNED MATERIAL  
FOR JUSTIFICATION  
AND AS A BASIS FOR  
THE DIFFERENT  
PARTS OF THIS  
PROCESS. READY?

IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOMEONE  
WITNESS YOUR REGISTRATION SO THAT  
THEY CAN PROVE THAT YOUR CONVICTION  
HAS BEEN HELD SINCE THE TIME OF  
YOUR REGISTRATION. IT'S GENERALLY  
EVEN BETTER TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE  
PERSON AS A WITNESS!

WHY IS IT WRITTEN IN? ISN'T THERE  
A PLACE ON THE FORM TO DENOTE  
THE FACT THAT YOU WANT TO BE  
A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR?

THERE ACTUALLY ISN'T. YOU  
HAVE TO WRITE IT IN  
YOURSELF!



**SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM**  
Register online ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))  
or complete this form

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY

I, *A. Witness*, witness *C. Objector's* conviction as a C.O. *A. Witness*

1 DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY) **01-23-1996** 2 SEX: (Mark with "X") ☒ Male ☐ Female 3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **123-45-6789**

4 LAST NAME **BLOE** SUFFIX: (Mark with "X") ☐ JR ☐ III OTHER SUFFIX **I AM A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR**

FIRST NAME & MIDDLE NAME **JOE**

5 CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: STREET ADDRESS & APARTMENT NUMBER **321 PEACE LANE**

CITY **SOMETOWN** STATE **NC** ZIP CODE **12345**

6 TODAY'S DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY) **01-23-2014** 7 I AFFIRM THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE **Joe Bloe**

SIGNATURE

AGENCY USE

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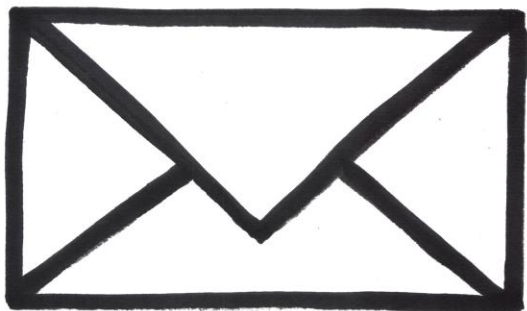
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BUT WAIT.....  
THERE'S MORE!

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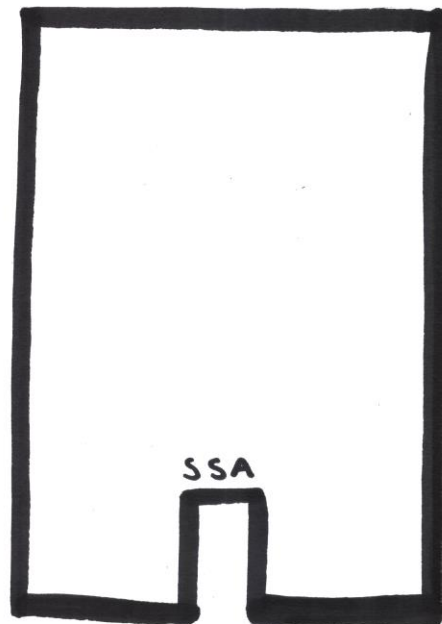




FILL OUT THE FORM, CLEARLY  
STATING THAT YOU WISH TO  
REGISTER AS A CO, AS OUTLINED  
ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE.



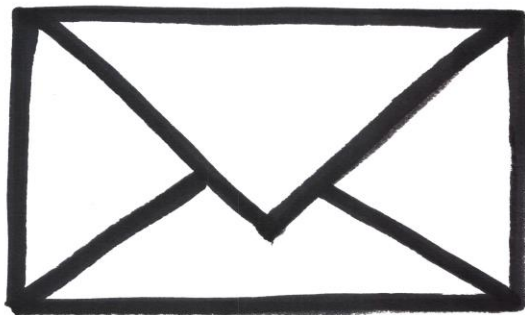
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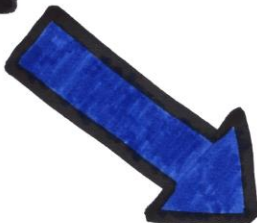
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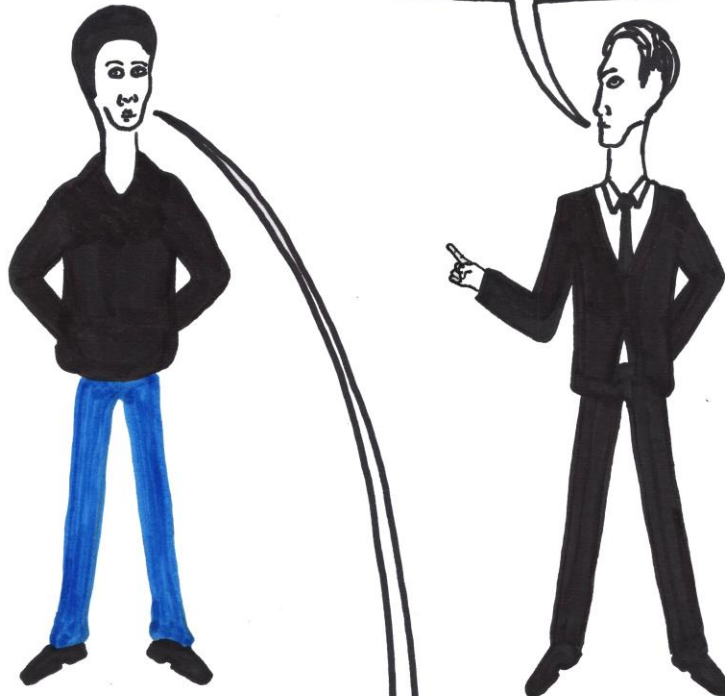
KEEP THIS LETTER. IT IS WHAT  
YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE A CASE  
FOR YOUR C.O. STATUS IN CASE  
OF A DRAFT BEING CALLED.



THEY WILL SEND A LETTER  
BACK SAYING THAT THERE  
IS CURRENTLY NO PROCESS  
FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR  
REGISTRATION.



YOU KNOW, YOU'VE TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION. AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ABOUT BEING AFRAID OF THE DRAFT. BUT NOW I SEE THAT IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT AT ALL! THESE PEOPLE STILL WANT TO SERVE, THEY JUST DON'T BELIEVE IN WAR AND KILLING. AND WITH SUCH A SMALL POSSIBILITY OF THE DRAFT BEING REINSTATED, IT'S NOT EVEN ABOUT THE DRAFT. NOT **AT ALL!** IT'S ABOUT SHOWING YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT YOU WILL STAND UP FOR WHAT **YOU** THINK IS **MORALLY RIGHT.**



I'M GLAD YOU HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM OUR EXPLORATION. I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN INSPIRED TO LEARN MORE, OR MAYBE EVEN TEACH OTHERS WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED. TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE **UNAWARE** THAT THIS IS THEIR **BASIC CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT.**

~The End~



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